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BELGIAN MISSION COUNSELLOR VAN BRUSSELEN TODAY SOUGHT EXPLANATION FROM MISOFF AS TO WHY US, BELGIUM AND LIKE-MINDED ATLANTIC COMMUNITY COUNTRIES COULD NOT NOW AGREE TO SIMPLE USE BY UNGA OF "ALL STATES" CLAUSE FOR INVITATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND FOR PARTICIPATION IN MULTILATERAL TREATIES WITHOUT ANY ACCOMPANYING INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT. HE NOTED THAT EARLIER CONCERNS OF US, MANY OF WHICH SHARED BY BELGIUM, HAD DISAPPEARED, AND SUGGESTED THAT THERE IS NOT NOW, OR IS THERE LIKELY TO BE IN THE FUTURE, ANY CASE IN WHICH THE PARTICIPATION OF AN UNDESIRE INVITEE WOULD BE PRECLUDED BY THE EXISTING INTERPRETIVE OR "FOOTNOTE" STATEMENT PROCEDURE. BY WAY OF EXAMPLE, HE NOTED THAT PLO PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES IS NOT RULED OUT BY THIS KIND OF DEVICE, THAT ASIAN ASPECTS HAVE DISAPPEARED, AND THAT SOUTHERN AFRICAN NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT PARTICIPATION ISSUES ARE DEALT WITH DIRECTLY RATHER THAN BY REFERENCE TO UNDERSTANDINGS ACCOMPANYING "ALL STATES" FORMULA. MISOFF UNDERTOOK TO PASS THESE VIEWS TO DEPARTMENT. BENNETT

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